lowing message from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha, I am directed to inform you that the Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on the 17th March, 1986, agreed without any amendment to the Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 1986, which was passed by the Rajya Sabha at its sitting held on the 11th March, 1986."

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting earlier statement made on the 28th February, 1986 regarding an incident that occurred between Tellichery and Mahe stations on the Southern Railway

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MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, Shri Bansi Lal to make a statement correcting an earlier statement.

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): Sir, On 23-2-1986 I had made a *Suo-moto* statement in the House regarding the unfortunate incident which occurred at 5.35 A.M. the same morning between Tellicherry and Mahe Stations on Southern Railway.

On hearing about the unfortunate incident, my colleague Shri Madhavrao Scindia who was in Gwalior contacted me and expressed his desire to visit the site and injured persons. In the *Suo-Moto* statement that I made in the House, I mentioned that Shri Madhavrao Scindia had proceeded to the site. However, as it happened the IAF plane left for Gwalior, soon after the necessary clearance was obtained, at about 1.30 P.M. and landed at Maharajpur Airport, Gwalior at about 2.30 P.M. Shri Scindia who had been waiting for the plane since 9.00 A.M. and at the Airport since about 1.45 P.M. was advised by the crew on their arrival that it would be of no avail for him to fly immediately because this would not enable him to reach the site before break of down. It was suggested by them that the flight should depart at mid-night which would enable Shri Scindia to visit the hospitals early in the morning. It was, therefore, decided to leave accordingly and Shri Scindia left the Airport for Gwalior City at about 3.45 P.M.

As I made the statement shortly thereafter at 4.30 P.M. the change in para 2 of my *Suo-Moto* statement from "have proceeded" to "are proceeding" could not be incorporated and is regretted.

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदय, माननीय परिवहन मन्त्री जी ने 28 तारीख को सदन में वक्तव्य दिया था । उसमें उन्होंने कहा था कि रेल राज्य मंत्री श्री माधवराव सिंधिया दुर्घटना स्थल पर रवाना हो चुके है । अभी उसका स्पष्टीकरण माननीय मन्त्री जी ने दिया है । मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि जब यह वक्तव्य दिया गया था कि वह रवाना हो चुके हैं इसका मतलब यह है कि माननीय परिवहन मन्त्री जी को यह निश्चित जानकारी मिल गयी थी कि वह ग्वालियर से रवाना हो चुके हैं दुर्घटना स्थल देखने के लिये । मैं यह पूछना चाहता हूं कि यह जानकारी किस आधार पर दी गय थी कि वे रवाना हो चुके हैं । क्या उनके अधिकारियों ने इसकी गलत जानकारी दी थी अगर दी थी तो वक्तव्य के बाद जब उनको दोबारा जानकारी मिली कि रेल राज्य मंत्री श्री माधव राव सिंधिया जी रवाना नहीं हुए है तो गलत जानकारी देने वाले अधिकारियों के खिलाफ माननीय परिवहन मन्त्री जी ने क्या कार्यवाही की हैं । यह बात सही है कि श्री माधव राव सिंधिया जी जिस समय यह वक्तव्य दिया जा रहा था उस समय ग्वालियर में क्रिकेट मैच देख रहे थे और यह बात समाचार पत्रों में भी छपी है और यह बात सही भी है । इस बारे में

या तो मन्त्री जी को गलत जानकारी दी गयी या मन्त्री जी ने खुद किसी गलतफहमी में यह वक्तव्य दे दिया, दोनों में से कौन सी बात सही थी, अगर गलत बात कही गई तो क्या कार्यवाही की गयी ?

श्री बंसी लाल : ऐसी कोई गलत बात नहीं कही गयी । जैसे कि मैंने अपने बयान में बताया है कि डेढ़ बजे यहां से हवाई जहाज जा चुका था । सिंधिया जी पौने दो बजे से पौने चार तक हवाई अड्डे पर इन्तजार करते रहे। जैसे ही हवाई जहाज वहां पहुंचा हवाई जहाज के पायलट ने बताया कि अगर हम यहां से अब रवाना हुये तो वे दिन छिपने के बाद पहुंचेंगे और इससे वे आगे पलाई नहीं कर सकेंगे । इसलिये अच्छा यह होगा कि हम रात को 12 बजे चलें और सवेरे 6 बजे वहां पहुंचे ताकि हेलीकाप्टर उसके बाद चलेगा उससे पहले नहीं चलेगा । सिंधिया जी इतनी दूर गये इतनी दूर आये, 16-17 घंटे उन्होंने लगाए, मुझे इस बात का ताज्जुब है कि इसका एप्रिसिएशन करने के बजाए उल्टा क्रिटिसिज्म हो रहा है । मुझे आनरेबल मैम्बर के इस रवैये पर हैरानगी है । **(व्यवधान)**

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : आपने गलत जानकारी दी । **(व्यवधान)**

श्री बंसी लाल : मैंने कोई गलत जानकारी नहीं दी । **(व्यवधान)**

श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल : हैरानगी तो हम को होनी चाहिये ।

THE BUDGET (GENERAL) 1986-87
GENERAL DISCUSSION—contd

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, I call upon the Finance Minister to reply to the Budget discussion.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, I am thankful to the hon. Members for the suggestions and also to the hon. Members on the opposite side for their criticism that was spiced with compliments also.

Shri Nirmal Chatterjee mentioned about the inequity of the system. I do agree that there is inequity in the socio-economic system. And when we analyse any such system or the process of production of Wealth, it cannot be divorced from its social context. Wealth has to be understood in relation to man. When we examine the process of generation of wealth, then the harmony that was promised by the selfequilibrating system or mechanism of the free market eludes us. It is just not there. It is something wrong. There is something in it which is off the centre. It does not tell what is the true balance on both the sides of the balancing machine. We see a system where most of the people are deprived of the very rsources they generate and their livelihood is just a by-product of the profit drive of the economically stronger. It is this inequality that has to be corrected. And one way to attempt to correct this is to give the means of production to those who are deprived most. The strategy of our allocations has been to pump resources to those sectors, to those sections, so that they have greater bargaining power to bargain a better future for themselves. That has been the rationale of our allocations for our anti-poverty programmes and of the budget philosophy that we brought. It can be the social security scheme which has been extended to 200 districts this year from 100 districts last year and the allocation for anti-poverty programme or the housing scheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes named after Indira Ji as Indira Gandhi Griha Nirman Yojna or the new scheme for the urban poor, the rickshaw walas, rehriwala or the municipal safai wala. It is the whole group. So, this is the basic way.

Well, some of my friends on the left would advocate much greater structural changes. The question is at what rate and in what fashion we go ahead. So far as subsidy is concerned, I think that is the rationale of